

Diary of Church Events

February

- Friday 2nd **Chilton Polden:** Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm
(Please note the change to the first Friday just for this month)
- Friday 2nd **Ashcott:** Bellringing Practice 7.30-9pm.
- Tuesday 6th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon
- Friday 9th **Shapwick:** Bellringing Practice 7.30-9pm
- Sunday 11th **Chilton Polden:** Afternoon Tea from 3-5pm to celebrate the leasing of Chilton Polden Village Hall to the Chilton Polden Village Hall Group. All welcome.
- Tuesday 13th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon
- Tuesday 13th **Ashcott:** Pancake Cook in the Village Hall from 11am-1pm.
- Friday 16th **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Polden Rise, Steel Lane. 10.30. £1 for tea/coffee and cake. Raffle. Please come and join the chat and laughter; everyone welcome
- Friday 16th **Ashcott:** Bellringing Practice 7.30-9pm
- Saturday 17th **Burtle:** Skittles at the Duck Tickets £10 to include supper of lasagne, salad and chips. Call Rosemary on 01278 722321.
- Monday 19th **Shapwick:** LiteBite 12:30-2pm. All welcome
- Tuesday 20th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon
- Friday 23rd **Chilton Polden:** Games Afternoon in the Sunday School at 2pm.
- Friday 23rd **Shapwick:** Bellringing Practice 7.30-9pm
- Saturday 24th **Edington:** Coffee Morning at Kootya, Broadway in aid of St. George's Church. 10.30-12 noon. £1.00. Raffle and Bring and Buy.
- Saturday 24th **Chilton Polden:** Annual Book Sale in aid of St. Edward's Church. 10-12 noon in Chilton Polden Church Hall.
- Saturday 24th **Shapwick:** Messy Church 4-6pm.
- Tuesday 27th **Ashcott:** Belfry Coffee House 10-12 noon

March

- Friday 9th **Chilton Polden:** Easter Bingo in the Church Hall. Eyes down 7.30pm.
- Wednesday 14th **Catcott:** St. Peter's Coffee Morning at Rycroft, Lippetts Way, between Old School Lane and the Village Hall. 10.30. £1 for tea/coffee and cake. Raffle. Please come and join the chat and laughter; everyone welcome

FEBRUARY 2018



Hi folks,

I've been fascinated by the gaggle of herons and egrets just to the south of Burtle Road over the last couple of days. Grey herons normally keep solitary – but not this time (see photo!). There were twenty or so cattle egrets (very rare here only a few years ago), similar numbers of little egrets (very rare twenty years ago) and even a glossy ibis (still a rarity, despite one being resident at Ham Wall for a couple of years).



What struck me most though was the opportunistic nature of these birds. They clearly felt that the digger was providing them with rich pickings from the peat that was being dredged up – even more so than the nearby fields which they've also been probing.

This set me thinking – are we opportunistic enough in our relationship with God?

We often think of religion as prizing regularity and order – and as the vicar I'm not about to contradict that! But what if God doesn't act in a regular and orderly way? What if instead he shows up in irregular and unplanned ways?

One of my biggest sources of inspiration on my spiritual journey has been the Pentecostal movement, which is much more open to God's unexpected action – but even there there's a tendency to systematise what God does. Perhaps that's our human fallibility trying to control the uncontrollable?

Keen birders keep each other posted as to the latest notable sightings (eg "Western Cattle Egret, Westhay, 15:40, c.20 south of Burtle Road at ST422421;

also Glossy Ibis”); what if instead Christians were used to God-incidences in the same way? (“Healing of lame person, Westhay, 15:40, in field south of Burtle Road at ST422421”).

Every blessing,

Rich Tweedy

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Lent Course

Dates: Tuesdays at 7.30

Feb 20, 27

Mar 6, 13, 20

Venue: Shapwick church

Rich will lead a contemplative journey of Lenten reflection.



In Shapwick Church 4-6pm.

Next ones: **Feb 24** and **Mar 17**



Men's breakfast

Sat Feb 17, 8.45am, at the Piper's Inn in Ashcott.

The speaker will be Dylan Thomas, a pioneering church leader and musician from Street.

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Church Services in February 2018

Sunday 4 February – 2nd before Lent (Green)

9.00 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP) – Service of thanks
10.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion (CW)
10.30 *Edington* Informal Worship - Service of thanks
6.00 *Ashcott* Praise 'n' Prayer

Sunday 11 February – 1st before Lent (Green)

10.00 *Shapwick Café Church*
10.30 *Chilton Polden* Holy Communion (BCP)
4.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion (CW)

Wednesday 14 – Ash Wednesday (Purple)

7.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday 18 February – Lent 1 (Purple)

10.30 *Catcott* Family Communion
10.30 *Chilton Polden* Informal Worship
6.30 *Ashcott* Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 25 February – Lent 2 (Purple)

9.00 *Shapwick* Holy Communion (CW)
10.30 *Burtle* Family Communion
4.30 *Edington* Evensong (BCP)

Friday 2 March – Women's World Day of Prayer

7.30 *Chilton Polden* – Women's World Day of Prayer Service

Sunday 4 March – Lent 3 (Purple)

9.00 *Catcott* Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 *Ashcott* Informal Worship
10.30 *Edington* Family Communion
6.00 *Catcott* Praise 'n' Prayer

Sunday 11 March – Mothering Sunday (Purple)

10.00 *Shapwick Café Church*
10.30 *Chilton Polden* Family Communion
4.30 *Burtle* Holy Communion (CW)

Sunday Readings for February

4 Feb: Proverbs 8.1-22-31; Psalm 104.26-end; Colossians 1.15-20; John 1.1-14

11 Feb: 2 Kings 2.1-12; Psalm 50.1-18; 2 Corinthians 4.3-6; Mark 9.2-9

18 Feb: Genesis 9.8-17; Psalm 25.1-9; 1 Peter 3.18-end; Mark 1.9-15

25 Feb: Genesis 17.1-7; Psalm 22.23-end; Romans 4.13-end; Mark 8.31-end

Midweek Holy Communions

Wednesday 28 Feb at Edington (in the School Room), 10:30. *Preceded by coffee at 10am.*

Thursdays Feb 1 and 15 at Ashcott, 10.00am.

All are welcome.